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WEDNESDAY
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Mr. Van der Goes van Naaters, author of the Council of Europe report on the Saar, came to see me this morning with Mr. Gromand, Chairman of the Ad Hoc EPC Information Committee. The primary purpose of their visit was to ask whether American assistance might be given to propaganda efforts proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee for a European Political Community, of which both of them are members. I discouraged expectations of any such grant although disclaiming, as was true, any voice in the matter. I told them in the present temper of our Administration and of our population at large any such contributions were quite out of the question, but we might reconsider it if and when the French Government had brought EDC to debate.

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Graham Martin called on me and showed me a hair-raising document representative of his imaginative and successful extra-curricular activities.

Kit Steel came in and told me of the present status of the British assurances. We had an exchange about the Saar problem. During the day we have done a considerab

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